

ATTORNEY THOMAS MERKLE APPOINTED TO MILWAUKEE OFFICE OF LAWYER REGULATION DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Milwaukee, Wisconsin (March, 2007) - Thomas A. Merkle, a shareholder with the law firm of O'Neil Cannon was recently appointed by the Wisconsin Supreme Court to serve on the Office of Lawyer Regulation's District Two Committee (Milwaukee). The office of lawyer regulation is an office of the Wisconsin Supreme Court System charged with carrying out the Supreme Court's constitutional responsibility to supervise the practice of law and protect the public from misconduct by persons practicing law in Wisconsin.

Mr. Merkle is one of the initial members of O'Neil Cannon. He counsels his clients with general corporate and business law matters, including transactions such as acquisitions, sales, contracts, and financing. He also litigates cases involving shareholder disputes as well as family law cases involving closely-held businesses, partnerships, and professional associations. A trained mediator, Tom has also helped numerous clients with the resolution of shareholder disputes, business and family law issues. Tom is one of the founders of the Divorce Cooperation Institute, a group dedicated to fostering cooperation and greater professionalism among family law practitioners. He currently serves on the Board of Directors and is the organization's treasurer.

O'Neil Cannon is a full-service legal practice focusing on business law, estate planning, and major complex litigation with offices in Milwaukee and Port Washington. The firm was established in 1973 and is now listed as one of the Milwaukee-area's largest law firms.